

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 4, 2007. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-22 are pending in the application. Claims 1-22 remain pending following entry of this response. Claims 1-3, 13, 16-18 and 21-22 have been amended. Applicants submit that the amendments and new claims do not introduce new matter.

Interview Summary

On July 31, 2007, a telephonic interview was held between Gero G. McClellan (attorney of record), Do Kim (technical advisor), Michael B. McFadden (assistant Examiner) and Hyung Sough (Supervisory Examiner). The parties discussed the cited references, *Haupt* (U.S. Patent No. 6,334,159) and *Asano et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,327,614, hereinafter "*Asano*"). Claim 1 was discussed. The parties also discussed proposed amendments to claim 1. The proposed amendments are reflected in this response.

During the interview, Applicants' representatives asserted, *inter alia*, that the concatenated bus structure recited in claim 1 is not taught by either *Haupt* or *Asano*. Upon discussion, the Examiner proposed amending the term "concatenated bus structure" to "daisy chain structure" to improve clarity. The parties agreed that the proposed amendment would clarify the claimed subject matter and overcome the above-mentioned cited references in the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Haupt* and further in view of *Asano*. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants' representatives and the Examiner agreed in the July 31, 2007, interview that the amendment proposed by the Examiner to independent claim 1 overcomes the art of record. The same amendment was made to the other independent claims. As a result, the present rejection is moot.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of all claims withdrawn, and the claims be allowed.

Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted, and
S-signed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.4,

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